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INCENSE CEDAR

Calocedrus decurrens

(syn. Libocedrus decurrens)

Distribution:

Incense Cedar is not native to Washington. It occurs naturally in a belt that extends down the Oregon Cascades to the central Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Growth Habit:

Incense Cedar is a moderately fast growing conifer. Mature specimens often grow over 150 feet tall.

Adaptability:

Incense Cedar is grown widely in western Washington, where it tolerates a wide range of conditions. It grows in sun or shade, except for deep shade, and in many soil types that vary from moist to dry.

Comments:

Incense Cedar is used primarily as an ornamental in the region. It is also grown as a timber tree in parts of southwest Washington. Its wood is valued for its resistance to decay. It is also a popular ornamental. Its full, dense growth habit makes it a good choice for a privacy screen or wind break.

